

Reading Comprehension Skills:

First reading	Second reading	Third reading
What type of document is it? What is it for? Who speaks? To whom? What about? How? What tone?	Where? Setting? Place? When? Time? Characters? Characterization? Connections? Events? Plot? Problems? Solutions?	Narrative technique: Point of view: through whose angle of vision is the story focused? Narrator: who tells the story but necessarily the focalizer? Speech presentation: direct speech, indirect speech Monologue... Stream of consciousness (flow of thoughts) Tone: humour, satire, irony, parody, bathos Imagery and figurative language: images, symbols, similes, metaphors, other figures of speech Style and varieties of language: register (dignified, formal, colloquial, slang) Rhymes, Stress and Rhythm: repetitions, assonances, alliterations Document's standpoint or bias?

How to understand a word you have never seen?

Unknown word	Transparent	Part of speech Adj; n; v; adv	Derived Pref-Root- suffix	Compound Word-word	Meaning	Translation

How to account for your understanding?

This is an extract from... which was written in... by.... and released in... which is a quality paper...
 It deals with=tackles=broaches=is about...
 It tells the story of how...
 It raises the issue of...
 Indeed, on the one hand..... whereas on the other... // Unlike/ as opposed to/ instead of/ contrary to/ despite/ although/ however...
 Connecting ideas with linking words (Cause, consequence, concession, contrast, comparison)
 It falls into X parts as follows...
 First of all, then, next, eventually...
 As a result, as..., it sheds light onto... / Yet... / Therefore... / Ultimately... As long as/ unless...